(c) The Government of India had signed an MOU with the Government of Japan to develop the project outline of the DMIC Project. The concept paper has since been finalized.

(d) The first phase of the project is envisaged to be implemented during 2008-2012.

Effect of unsustainable tax breaks and physical incentives to industrial projects

1077. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister warned the State Governments against unhealthy practice of providing unsustainable tax breaks and physical incentives to industrial projects at Northern Chief Minister's Conclave organized by PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 28th September, 2006, in Chandigarh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he advised to remove the barriers on Inter-State trade; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal before Government to implement the advise of the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Hon'ble Prime Minister, while addressing the Northern Chief Minister's Conclave organized by the PHD Chambers of Commerce an Industry on 28th September, 2006 at Chandigarh, had referred to unsustainable fisca incentives and tax breaks provided for promoting industrial development and urged the State Governments to enable a common economy and a single market to emerge. Hon'ble Prime Minister had also advised the State Governments to remove barriers on inter-State trade to facilitate movement of people and goods.

(c) Removal of barriers on inter-State trade and tax breaks referred to in the speech are subjects under the purview of State Governments.

Approval to SEZs

1078. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approvals for more than 150 SEZs have been granted by Govemment;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of new approvals likely to be accorded, State-wise;

(c) whether there is any proposal before Government to change the guidelines and rules for SEZs in view of the public authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?